

# **METROPOLITAN** TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Agenda Item 3

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# Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

RE: Policy Advisory Council Appointments — MTC Resolution No. 3931, Revised

The committee is asked to consider four appointments to the Policy Advisory Council to fill three vacancies in the environment category, and one low-income vacancy in Alameda County.

This past year, three advisors submitted resignations due to potential conflicts of interest relating to contract bids, and one resigned due to time constraints. MTC Resolution No. 3931, which created the Policy Advisory Council, requires that the Commission Chair and Vice Chair concur on recommendations for the environment seats, and the Commissioners representing Alameda County concur on the recommended Alameda County candidate. Staff and the corresponding Commissioners have reviewed the extensive list of original applicants, all of which are considered to be qualified to serve on the Policy Advisory Council based on review conducted for the original round of appointments in March 2010. The following candidates are recommended for approval.

#### **Environment Vacancy Recommendations**

Sandi Galvez is a senior policy associate for the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII), and is responsible for creating strategies to address health implications related to the built environment. Part of this focus centers on land use and transportation decisions that impact the quality of life and health of a community. Her work surrounding health issues will bring a unique perspective to the Policy Advisory Council.

Tanya Narath has been active in local climate protection initiatives, working to strengthen alternative modes of transportation and help reduce VMT in Sonoma County. As the Executive Director of the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy, she is deeply interested in creating sustainable economic development and public policy that is environmentally friendly and socially equitable for a healthy economy and sustainable communities.

Tina King Neuhausel has worked on sustainability issues in both San Mateo and Contra Costa counties. As the founder of Sustainable Contra Costa, she has spent the past nine years helping to advance sustainable technologies and encourage a more sustainable society. She has past experience working on renewable energy projects, sustainable building and business practices, and transportation and land use policies.

#### Alameda County Low-Income Vacancy Recommendation

Yokia Mason is an Alameda County Health Department employee whose work focuses on assisting low-income pregnant women. In addition to her work, she has a strong passion for helping alleviate social injustices that she believes affect the poor. Her life experience, education and employment give her the background to serve as a representative for low-income residents of Alameda County.

All vacancy appointments would become effective upon Commission approval (February 23, 2011) and would complete the terms that expire on March 31, 2012.

Staff requests your recommendation of Ms. Galvez, Ms. Narath, Ms. King Neuhausel and Ms. Mason to serve on the Policy Advisory Council, and referral of Resolution 3931, revised, to the Commission for approval.

Ann Flemer

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